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Applicant submits herewith a document titled "Excerpt of Japanese Utility Model Application No. HEI 04-065995," which, to the best of the under-signed representative's knowledge, describes some of the subject matter of Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-30838 previously filed with an IDS on October 27, 2003.

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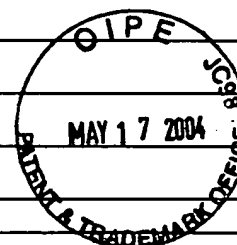
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